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ASH GROVE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF A HOMEMADE BOMB, AMMUNITION

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Ash Grove, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to being a felon in possession of a homemade bomb and ammunition.

Scott Maslar, 31, of Ash Grove, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this afternoon to two counts of federal firearms violations.

By pleading guilty to the first count, **Maslar** admitted that he possessed a destructive device on April 24, 2003, in Greene County, Mo., that was not registered to him in the National Firearms and Transfer Record. The destructive device consisted of a glass bottle, Hodgdon Pyrodex black powder and an instantaneous detonator.

By pleading guilty to the second count, **Maslar** admitted that he was a felon in possession of ammunition on April 24, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any person convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm, ammunition or explosives. **Maslar** has a 1990 criminal felony conviction for burglary.

Maslar was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Aug. 14, 2003, in Springfield.

Under federal law, **Maslar** may be subject to a maximum sentence of up to 10 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. His sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney James J. Kelleher. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Drug Enforcement

Administration and the Greene County, Mo., Sheriff's Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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